

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, March 2, 1995
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Perry Gisclair (Chairman)	—	✓
Glynn Carver	✓	—
Jeff Schneider	✓	—
Tee John Mialjevich	—	✓
Joseph Cormier	✓ (late)	—
Jerald Hanchey	✓	—
Peter Vujnovich	✓	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 4⁵ Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

MARCH 2, 1995

**PERRY GISCLAIR
CHAIRMAN**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, March 2, 1995.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting,

taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this Notice of Intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov.23 - Feb. 29	10	20

Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Jan. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Jan. 5-Jan. 15	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Dec. 3	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Dec. 3 Dec. 16-Jan. 4	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Dec. 9-Jan. 7	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Nov. 26	Dec. 4-Dec. 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Nov. 18-Nov. 26	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 16 - Jan. 21
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 21	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	Mar. 23-Apr. 21
B	Mar. 16-Apr. 21
D	Apr. 13-Apr. 30
E	Mar. 23-Mar. 31

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 19, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

A **Small Game Update** was presented by Mr. Mike Olinde. The Department conducts an annual survey to determine harvest and hunter numbers each year and this survey would not be completed until May. The population of small game can fluctuate greatly depending on the weather, stated Mr. Olinde. Rabbit season was probably the best overall season; the dove season was fairly good; the quail season began fairly good but the birds were harder to find; the squirrel season would be down this year; and the woodcock season was probably the worst of the small game seasons. Vice-Chairman Carver asked if the Department had information on the population of quail? Mr. Olinde stated Louisiana had the quickest decline in quail population.

The **Catfish Task Force Membership** was addressed by Mr. Corky Perret. Mr. Perret advised a letter of recommendation for membership was included in the packets and requested their approval. The voting members included six commercial fishermen, six dealers/processors, two recreational individuals, Louisiana Wildlife Federation representative, and Restaurant Association representative. The ex-officio advisors included representatives from Louisiana State University, Enforcement Division, Inland Fisheries Division, Economics Division and Department of Health and Hospitals. Vice-Chairman Carver then asked for a motion to accept the recommendations. Commissioner Schneider made a motion and Commissioner Vujnovich seconded it. The motion passed with no opposition. Vice-Chairman Carver complimented the staff on the list and hoped the Task Force would accomplish their goals.

A **Notice of Intent Establishing Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground** began with Commissioner Vujnovich requesting exclusion from voting on this item since he has ownership of oyster leases. Mr. Ron Dugas stated this Notice of Intent was to take an oyster lease area that has been privately owned and put it into an area for public use. Louisiana has approximately 2 million acres of public oyster seed ground and the addition to the Lake Borgne area would incorporate an additional 76,000 acres into the public oyster seed ground. Mr. Dugas then explained several advantages for the inclusion of Lake Borgne. Other areas were also being looked at, particularly around the Barataria system. Commissioner Schneider asked if there was any opposition to this proposal? He then made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and was seconded by

Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed with Commissioner Vujnovich abstaining.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of their intent to set aside additional areas in Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish as public oyster seed grounds. This is being done under the authority vested in them through R.S. 56:434.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§513. Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne

The Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground is described as that portion of the state waterbottoms beginning at the most northerly point of Malheureux Point (Y-518,620) (X-2,584,920) on the southern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence southwesterly a distance of 16.6 miles to the most easterly point of Proctor Point (Y-468,858) (X-2,512,804) on the southwestern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northerly a distance of 5.6 miles to the most easterly point of Alligator Point (Y-498,467) (X-2,511,442) on the northern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northeasterly along the northern shore line of Lake Borgne a distance of 19.1 miles to the intersection with the western shore line of the Pearl River (Y-553,875) (X-2,569,290); thence northerly along the western shore line of the Pearl River a distance of 0.25 miles to a point (Y-555,214) (X-2,569,277) on the western shore line of the Pearl River; thence easterly a distance of 1.15 miles to the Pearl River Beacon No. 8 (Y-556,011) (X-2,571,507); thence southeasterly a distance of 7.5 miles to the point of beginning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:434.

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Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., May 5, 1995 to Ron Dugas, Department

of Wildlife and Fisheries, 1600 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of February was provided by Mrs. Wynnette Kees. During the month, 70 cases were assessed for a value of \$61,000 and payment was received on 41 cases which totaled \$10,400. Monies from court fines amounted to \$200. Also, Ms. Kees provided the Commissioners with a comparison report on net gear licenses sold through February 1995. Commissioner Schneider asked if the attorney has followed up on the past due accounts and does he intend to forward these accounts to the collection attorney.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of February.

Region I - Minden - 31 citations.
Region II - Monroe - 67 citations.
Region III - Alexandria - 82 citations.
Region IV - Ferriday - 28 citations.
Region VI - Opelousas - 82 citations.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 104 citations.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 103 citations.
Region IX - Thibodaux - 81 citations.
Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 0 citations.
Oyster Strike Force - 50 citations.
Statewide Strike Force - 42 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 597. Col. Vidrine concluded stating February was normally a slow month.

A **Resolution Supporting the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit** was presented by Secretary Herring. The resolution for the Commission's consideration was pertaining to the Wildlife and Fisheries Research Unit at LSU. The history of the Research Unit was given by Secretary Herring. A Research Unit is a combination of state efforts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

efforts, university efforts and the Wildlife Management Institute efforts for its operation and funding. All of the research being done by the different federal agencies were combined under President Clinton's administration and is now called the National Biological Service. Since the National Biological Service was a new organization, the Federal Government was trying to cut this section. The resolution would be sent to the Congressional Delegation so they could help save the Research Unit at LSU. Secretary Herring noted several other organizations have also passed similar resolutions and forwarded them to the Congressional Delegation. Secretary Herring stated there has always been a good working relationship between LSU, the Research Unit and the Department. Commissioner Hanchey moved to support the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, after reviewing pending federal legislation that governs the future of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, hereby adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Institute and the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit Association (December 15 and 19, 1994) warn of pending legislative initiatives before the U.S. House of Representative Committee on the Budget (pg. 49 et seq., "Contract with America") with a clear intent to cut the National Biological Service (NBS) from the budget; and

WHEREAS, in the planned-for immediate government downsizing effort by the new Congress, the Unit Program could be inadvertently dismantled as part of the larger effort without regard to knowledge of the unit program; and

WHEREAS, a full 85 percent of the staff and money that form NBS was the original U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Research Organization in fish and wildlife resources programs over the country, including those of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; and

WHEREAS, since 1962 the mission of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit has been to train graduate students, accomplish research, and provide consultation and extension for the State of Louisiana and for national and international agencies on the wise use and

conservation of local, regional and national fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, toward that mission, the base support provided by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is matched by a base from Louisiana State University and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (and now National Biological Service) in the proportion of 10:1; and

WHEREAS, annually grants and contracts for three to four times the total Unit base have been awarded to the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for more than 30 years supporting the mission and research by Unit staff and cooperating faculty at Louisiana State University, and other state and southeastern universities on such valuable resources as the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers, waterfowl, shorebirds, wetlands and estuaries, and the Louisiana black bear and pallid sturgeon; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 postgraduate degrees have been awarded to Unit graduate research assistants, most of whom are professional with Louisiana and other state, federal and nongovernmental fish and wildlife conservation agencies and universities which insures continued quality, integrity, and advancement of the profession; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries wish to acknowledge its strong support for the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries urge the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to initiate whatever action necessary to ensure the funding and continuance of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

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The Secretary's Report to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. Bids were received for work to be done on Spanish Lake near New Iberia. This work would be on the levees around the lake totaling approximately \$1,882,000 with the hope the lake would one day become a refuge and tourist attraction.

The actual construction on the new Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery near Woodworth finally began last month with land clearing.

A representative from France was in Louisiana doing photography and writing pertaining to the resources in the State. Some of the work covered was on the Atchafalaya Basin and information on crawfish, raccoons and other species.

Work began on the ponds located at Dow Chemical for stocking of Florida largemouth bass. These bass would be placed in the Atchafalaya Basin to help with the restoration due to Hurricane Andrew.

The Aquatic Plant Section staff is still meeting with the Corps of Engineers on the aquatic work done by the Corps and being transferred to the State. Some of the problems that have arisen are union problems and interpretation of the contractual work. The Section did spray 1,267 acres of aquatic vegetation during February. It is expected the water hyacinths in the state will cause big problems this year because of the mild winter and shortage of personnel from the Section.

Several Task Forces and Committees met during the month. These included the Recreational Fish and Development Committee, the Secretary's Finfish Panel, the Crab Task Force and Oyster Task Force.

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Shrimp Association was held in New Orleans. Mr. Corky Perret was on the program, and was accompanied by staff from the Department as well as Chairman Gisclair.

Staff personnel participated in 10 coastal meetings held by the Extension Service and Department of Natural Resources. Topics covered were coastal erosion and the effects it will have or has had on the coastal resources.

The Fur and Refuge Division commissioned personnel went through the Firearm Training Shooting in order to be Post-Certified. There was a reported 90 active bald eagle nests in the state.

Wildlife Division personnel attended the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting and discussed the possible expansion of the Goose Season. The petition was to include one Canadian Goose in the bag limit for northeast Louisiana only.

Reforestation of 1,032 acres occurred during February on the Attakapas, Loggy Bayou, Bayou Macon, Pointe-au-Chien, Atchafalaya Delta and Boeuf WMA's. This program has been real successful over the years.

Exxon gave Ducks Unlimited a check for \$150,000 to do waterfowl work on Sherburne Wildlife Management Area.

The educational programs conducted during February totaled 27 courses with 1,720 students participating.

The Louisiana Wildlife Federation conducted its annual meeting during February. A lot of the staff attended and met with the sportsmen's and committees from the organization.


The Monroe office received a telephone call that there was a fish kill on Cheniere Lake. The personnel went to the lake and discovered it was not fish but chickens that were dead.

Vice-Chairman Carver stated Chairman Gisclair requested action on the **Amendment of By-Laws** be postponed until the April Meeting.

Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to hold the **July 1995 Meeting** on Thursday, July 6, 1995 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Schneider and passed with no opposition.

Vice-Chairman Carver then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, asked last year to revise the deer season rules so that tracking dogs could be used to track wounded deer and requested this be looked at this year. Also, a proposal came up at the Federation's Annual Meeting to use small boar muzzleloading rifles for hunting small game and Mr. Lanctot advised the Federation would request the legislature to make this change.

There being no further business, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich.


Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
MARCH 2, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, March 2, 1995.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds

or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this Notice of Intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov.23 - Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	16

Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Jan. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Jan. 5-Jan. 15	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Dec. 3	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Dec. 3 Dec. 16-Jan. 4	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Dec. 9-Jan. 7	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Nov.26	Dec. 4-Dec. 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Nov. 18-Nov.26	Dec. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 16 - Jan. 21
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 21	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	Mar. 23-Apr. 21
B	Mar. 16-Apr. 21
D	Apr. 13-Apr. 30
E	Mar. 23-Mar. 31

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 19, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

A **Small Game Update** was presented by Mr. Mike Olinde. The Department conducts an annual survey to determine harvest and hunter numbers each year and ~~as such~~ this survey would not be completed until May. The population of small game can fluctuate greatly depending on the weather, stated Mr. Olinde. Rabbit season was probably the best overall season; the dove season was fairly good; the quail season began fairly good but ~~then~~ the birds were harder to find; the squirrel season would be down this year; and the woodcock season was probably the worst of the small game seasons. Vice-Chairman Carver asked if the Department had information on the population of quail? Mr. Olinde stated Louisiana had the quickest decline in quail population.

The **Catfish Task Force Membership** was ^{addressed} handled by Mr. Corky Perret. Mr. Perret advised a letter of recommendation for membership was included in the packets and requested their approval. The voting members included six commercial fishermen, six dealers/processors, two recreational individuals, Louisiana Wildlife Federation representative, ^{and} Restaurant Association representative. The ex-officio advisors included representatives from Louisiana State University, Enforcement Division, Inland Fisheries Division, Economics Division and Department of Health and Hospitals. Vice-Chairman Carver then asked for a motion to accept the recommendations. Commissioner Schneider made a motion and Commissioner Vujnovich seconded it. ^{Carver} The motion passed with no opposition. Vice-Chairman/Complimented the staff on the list and hoped the Task Force would accomplish their goals.

A Notice of Intent **Establishing Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground** began with Commissioner Vujnovich requesting exclusion from voting on this item since he has ownership of oyster leases. Mr. Ron Dugas stated this Notice of Intent was to take an oyster lease area that has been privately owned and ~~putting~~ it into an area for public use. Louisiana has approximately 2 million acres of public oyster seed ground and the addition ^{to} from the Lake Borgne area would incorporate an additional 76,000 acres into the public oyster seed ground. Mr. Dugas then explained several advantages for the inclusion of Lake Borgne. Other areas were also being looked at particularly around the Barataria system. Commissioner Schneider asked if there was any opposition to this proposal? He then made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and was seconded by

Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed with Commissioner Vujnovich abstaining.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of their intent to set aside additional areas in Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish as public oyster seed grounds. This is being done under the authority vested in them through R.S. 56:434.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§513. Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne

The Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground is described as that portion of the state waterbottoms beginning at the most northerly point of Malheureux Point (Y-518,620) (X-2,584,920) on the southern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence southwesterly a distance of 16.6 miles to the most easterly point of Proctor Point (Y-468,858) (X-2,512,804) on the southwestern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northerly a distance of 5.6 miles to the most easterly point of Alligator Point (Y-498,467) (X-2,511,442) on the northern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northeasterly along the northern shore line of Lake Borgne a distance of 19.1 miles to the intersection with the western shore line of the Pearl River (Y-553,875) (X-2,569,290); thence northerly along the western shore line of the Pearl River a distance of 0.25 miles to a point (Y-555,214) (X-2,569,277) on the western shore line of the Pearl River; thence easterly a distance of 1.15 miles to the Pearl River Beacon No. 8 (Y-556,011) (X-2,571,507); thence southeasterly a distance of 7.5 miles to the point of beginning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:434.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., May 5, 1995 to Ron Dugas, Department

of Wildlife and Fisheries, 1600 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of February was provided by Mrs. Wynnette Kees. During the month, 70 cases were assessed for a value of \$61,000 and payment was received on 41 cases which totaled \$10,400. Monies from court fines amounted to \$200. Also, Ms. Kees provided the Commissioners with a comparison report on net gear licenses sold through February 1995. Commissioner Schneider asked if the attorney has followed up on the past due accounts and does he intend to forward these accounts to the collection attorney.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of February.

Region I - Minden - 31 citations.
Region II - Monroe - 67 citations.
Region III - Alexandria - 82 citations.
Region IV - Ferriday - 28 citations.
Region VI - Opelousas - 82 citations.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 104 citations.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 103 citations.
Region IX - Thibodaux - 81 citations.
Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 0 citations.
Oyster Strike Force - 50 citations.
Statewide Strike Force - 42 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 597. Col. Vidrine concluded stating February was normally a slow month.

A **Resolution Supporting the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit** was presented by Secretary Herring. The resolution for the Commission's consideration was pertaining to the Wildlife and Fisheries Research Unit at LSU. The history of the Research Unit was given by Secretary Herring. A Research Unit is a combination of state efforts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

efforts, university efforts and the Wildlife Management Institute efforts for its operation and funding. All of the research being done by the different federal agencies were combined under President Clinton's administration and is now called the National Biological Service. Since the National Biological Service was a new organization, the Federal Government was trying to cut this section. The resolution would be sent to the Congressional Delegation so they could help save the Research Unit at LSU. Secretary Herring noted several other organizations have also passed similar resolutions and forwarded them ~~on~~ to the Congressional Delegation. Secretary Herring stated there has always been a good working relationship between LSU, the Research Unit and the Department. Commissioner Hanchey moved to support the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, after reviewing pending federal legislation that governs the future of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, hereby adopt the following resolution.

- WHEREAS,** the Wildlife Management Institute and the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit Association (December 15 and 19, 1994) warn of pending legislative initiatives before the U.S. House of Representative Committee on the Budget (pg. 49 et seq., "Contract with America") with a clear intent to cut the National Biological Service (NBS) from the budget; and
- WHEREAS,** in the planned-for immediate government downsizing effort by the new Congress, the Unit Program could be inadvertently dismantled as part of the larger effort without regard to knowledge of the unit program; and
- WHEREAS,** a full 85 percent of the staff and money that form NBS was the original U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Research Organization in fish and wildlife resources programs over the country, including those of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1962 the mission of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit has been to train graduate students, accomplish research, and provide consultation and extension for the State of Louisiana and for national and international agencies on the wise use and

conservation of local, regional and national fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, toward that mission, the base support provided by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is matched by a base from Louisiana State University and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (and now National Biological Service) in the proportion of 10:1; and

WHEREAS, annually grants and contracts for three to four times the total Unit base have been awarded to the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for more than 30 years supporting the mission and research by Unit staff and cooperating faculty at Louisiana State University, and other state and southeastern universities on such valuable resources as the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers, waterfowl, shorebirds, wetlands and estuaries, and the Louisiana black bear and pallid sturgeon; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 postgraduate degrees have been awarded to Unit graduate research assistants, most of whom are professional with Louisiana and other state, federal and nongovernmental fish and wildlife conservation agencies and universities which insures continued quality, integrity, and advancement of the profession; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries wish to acknowledge its strong support for the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries urge the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to initiate whatever action necessary to ensure the funding and continuance of the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. Bids were received for work to be done on Spanish Lake near New Iberia. This work would be on the levees around the lake totaling approximately \$1,882,000 with the hope the lake would one day become a refuge and tourist attraction.

The actual construction on the new Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery near Woodworth finally began last month with land clearing.

A representative from France was in Louisiana doing photography and writing pertaining to the resources in the State. Some of the work covered was on the Atchafalaya Basin and information on crawfish, raccoons and other species.

Work began on the ponds located at Dow Chemical for stocking of Florida largemouth bass. These bass would be placed in the Atchafalaya Basin to help with the restoration due to Hurricane Andrew.

The Aquatic Plant Section ^{staff is} ~~are~~ still meeting with the Corps of Engineers on the aquatic work done by the Corps and ~~giving it to~~ ^{being transferred} the State. Some of the problems that have arisen are union problems and interpretation of the contractual work. The Section did spray 1,267 acres of aquatic vegetation during February. It is expected the water hyacinths in the state will cause big problems this year because of the mild winter and shortage of personnel from the Section.

Several Task Forces and Committees met during the month. These included the Recreational Fish and Development Committee, the Secretary's Finfish Panel, the Crab Task Force and Oyster Task Force.

^{Accompanied} The 35th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Shrimp Association was held in New Orleans. Mr. Corky Perret was on the program, and ~~was attended~~ by staff from the Department as well as Chairman Gisclair.

Staff personnel participated in 10 coastal meetings held by the Extension Service and Department of Natural Resources. Topics covered were coastal erosion and the effects it will have or has had on the coastal resources.

The Fur and Refuge Division commissioned personnel went through the Firearm Training Shooting in order to be Post-Certified. There was a reported 90 active bald eagle nests in the state.

Wildlife Division personnel attended the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting and discussed the possible expansion of the Goose Season. The petition was to include one Canadian Goose in the bag limit for northeast Louisiana only.

Reforestation of 1,032 acres occurred during February on the Attakapas, Loggy Bayou, Bayou Macon, Pointe-au-Chien, Atchafalaya Delta and Boeuf WMA's. This program has been real successful over the years.

Exxon gave Ducks Unlimited a check for \$150,000 to do waterfowl work on Sherburne Wildlife Management Area.

The educational programs conducted during February totaled 27 courses with 1,720 students participating.

The Louisiana Wildlife Federation conducted its annual meeting during February. A lot of the staff attended and met with the sportsmen's and committees from the organization.

The Monroe office received a telephone call that there was a fish kill on Cheniere Lake. The personnel went to the lake and discovered it was not fish but chickens that were dead.

Vice-Chairman Carver stated Chairman Gisclair requested action on the **Amendment of By-Laws** be postponed until the April Meeting.

Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to hold the **July 1995 Meeting** on Thursday, July 6, 1995 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Schneider and passed with no opposition.

Vice-Chairman Carver then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, asked last year to revise the deer season rules so that tracking dogs could be used to track wounded deer and requested this be looked at this year. Also, a proposal came up at the Federation's Annual Meeting to use small boar muzzleloading rifles for hunting small game and Mr. Lanctot advised the Federation would request the legislature to make this change.

There being no further business, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich.

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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DWF proposal to extend deer hunting season

by JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

In an effort to increase hunting on state lands, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries proposed deer hunting seasons to include the Christmas holidays on three wildlife management areas. If approved in July by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, Dewey Wills Wildlife Management Area in lower Atchoula Parish, Grassy Lake WMA in Concordia Parish andomme de Terre WMA in Avoyelles Parish will open during the week after Christmas.

"We're doing this so that parents can bring their children in for a deer hunt during that time of the year when the young hunters do not have school. We feel this is a positive step in getting younger hunters more opportunity on state lands," Wildlife Division manager Tom Prickett told the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday.

It was at this meeting that Wildlife Division staff posted its annual Notice of Intent on the proposed 1995-96 seasons for state game and birds. The public will have a 120-day comment period before the LWFC votes on the rules and regulations or seasons on deer, quail, rabbit, squirrel and turkey in July.

For hunters in the Baton Rouge area, the state recommendations added seven days to the muzzleloader season in the Tunica Hills WMA. The new dates are Nov. 18-Dec. 10 season on antlered and antlerless deer. Sandy Hollow WMA near Slidell will have a one-week muzzleloader-only season, too.

Another recommendation sets aside three days for lottery hunts at Sherburne WMA in upper Iberville Parish, an increase of one day from 1994-95 regulations. Sherburne will also have Nov. 11-12 hunts for handicapped and youth hunters.

Prickett called the changes from the 1994-95 regs "minor," but several on a two-page list affect Capitol City area hunters. Among them are:

- Area 8, which takes in Baton Rouge and all the Florida Parishes, will get two more (from 5 to 7) either-sex deer hunting days. Areas 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 will also have more either-sex days;

- The small portion of East Feliciana Parish that had been in Area 1 since the LDWF divided the state into deer hunting areas will become part of Area 8;

- Area 3 (southwest parishes) gun hunters will have their deer season open one week earlier (Oct. 21) and close one week earlier than last season;

- and, the definition of "muzzleloader" weapon has changed to include all weapons loaded from the muzzle to be legal.

In other action Thursday, the LDWF announced its voting members of the new Catfish Task Force. On the list are Leon Fonseca, a Des Allemands commercial fisherman, and Vacherie wholesale fish dealer Tommy Breaux.

Both men are currently under investigation for sale of undersized

PROPOSED 1995-96 HUNTING SEASONS

The following proposed season dates and bag limits were announced by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for resident game birds and animals for the 1995-96 hunting seasons. Shooting hours are proposed for one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

QUAIL: Nov. 23, 1995-Feb. 29, 1996; daily limit 10, possession limit 20 after opening day.

RABBIT: Oct. 7, 1995-Feb. 29, 1996; daily limit 8, possession limit 16 after opening day.

SQUIRREL: Oct. 7, 1995-Jan. 28, 1996; daily limit 8, possession limit 16 after opening day.

TURKEY: State divided into five areas; statewide limit is 1 per day (gobblers only); season limit is 3. Area C is closed.

Area A—March 23-April 21, 1996.

Area B—March 16-April 21, 1996.

Area D—April 13-30, 1996.

Area E—March 23-31, 1996.

DEER: State divided into eight areas; statewide limit is 1 per day (bucks only) except during specified either-sex (antlerless) days when 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer can be taken each day; Season limit is 6. For either-sex hunting dates for each area consult the proposed regulations:

Area 1—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 31, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 4-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Nov. 18-Dec. 3, 1995 and Jan. 5-15, 1996; With or without dogs: Dec. 9, 1995-Jan. 4, 1996.

Area 2—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 4-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Oct. 28-Dec. 3, 1995; With or without dogs: Dec. 9, 1995-Jan. 4, 1996.

Area 3—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 4-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Oct. 21-Dec. 3, 1995 and Dec. 16, 1995-Jan. 4, 1996. (No dog hunting season).

Area 4—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 4-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Nov. 18-Dec. 3, 1995 and Dec. 9, 1995-Jan. 7, 1996. (No dog hunting season).

Area 5—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (bucks-only season): Dec. 4-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Nov. 18-26, 1995. (No dog hunting season).

Area 6—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 2-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Nov. 18-Dec. 1, 1995; With or without dogs: Dec. 9, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996.

Area 7—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 4-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Oct. 21-Nov. 5, 1995 and Nov. 18-Nov. 26, 1995; With or without dogs: Dec. 16, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996.

Area 8—Archery: Oct. 1, 1995-Jan. 21, 1996; Muzzleloader (either-sex season): Dec. 2-8, 1995; Gun Season: Still hunting only; Nov. 18-Dec. 1, 1995 and Jan. 5-21, 1996; With or without dogs: Dec. 9, 1995-Jan. 4, 1996.

catfish, a state enforcement agent spokesman said. Fonseca has been cited on at least 16 occasions for possession of undersized finfish. He is currently on probation after a conviction on fisheries violations in Lafourche Parish.

State Inland Fisheries administrator Bennie Fontenot said both men were nominated by their organizations to serve their areas on the board.

The LWFC also approved a Notice of Intent to establish a public oyster seed ground in Lake Borgne; passed a resolution in support of federal funding for Louisiana's Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at LSU; and, voted to meet July 6 at LDWF state headquarters in Baton Rouge.

Moreau's lawsuit says officers serving illegally

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoors writer

A suit filed by East Baton Rouge District Attorney Doug Moreau claims Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission chairman Perry Gisclair and vice-chairman Glynn Carver are serving in those leadership posts in violation of state law and commission by-laws.

According to court documents, Moreau is acting on information from Jeff Schneider and J.B. Cormier, who were re-elected as the commission's chairman and vice-chairman in December.

The suit contends Schneider and Cormier are the rightful officers, and demands that Gisclair and Carver prove by what authority they are currently serving in those two positions.

A subpoena served on Carver at Thursday's LWFC meeting in Baton Rouge orders him to appear before Judge William H. Brown in 19th District Court on March 14.

Gisclair did not attend Thursday's meeting and was not served. Carver, acting in Gisclair's absence, chaired

the seven-man LWFC's monthly meeting.

In the suit, Moreau states Schneider and Cormier were properly elected at the LWFC's Dec. 1, 1994 meeting.

Commission member Tee John Mialjevich disputed the December vote at the Jan. 5 meeting. In December, former commission member Bert Jones offered a "substitute nomination" of Schneider and Cormier after Mialjevich had nominated New Orleans oysterman Pete Vujnovich for chairman.

A parliamentary procedure opinion produced by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Joe Herring indicated the election was not valid. By a 5-2 vote, with Schneider and Cormier objecting, the commission allowed the matter to be introduced to the agenda and voted Gisclair and Carver to the positions. Carver was serving at his first commission meeting after Gov. Edwin Edwards replaced Jones on the commission with Carver.

The suit states the January election violated at least one state statute along with commission by-laws.

The Advocate, Friday,
March 3, 1995

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- ✓5. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
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16. Public Comments *Lucy Leach*

17. Adjourn

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

William S. "Corky" Perret
Assistant Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Office of Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
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February 16, 1995

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreux, Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - January 1995
Total hours listed are:

PILOT		TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle	-	30.7
B. Stamey	-	33.7
M. Windham	-	1.3
D. Clause	-	15.1
TOTAL HOURS	-	80.80

PLANE		FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST(TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST(TOTAL)	COMMISSION METHOD
N61092 Amphib	-	1.5	175.70	4,281.80	313.43
70365 Float-DC	-	15.1	1,392.67	1,487.93	1,980.21
N2576K Float-MW	-	7.5	964.28	1,028.04	
N9467Y 210	-	34.3	3,832.68	3,735.78	7,093.58
N223MS Partenavia	-	16.6	2,608.19	1,515.01	4,523.17
N57266 Aero Commander	-	5.8			
TOTALS		80.80	8,973.52	12,048.56	13,910.39

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

JANUARY 1995

PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
01/02/95	STAMEY	BR-SW COASTAL ZONE-BR: waterfowl survey	5.2	R. Helm S. Durham
01/09/95	STAMEY	BR-SC COASTAL ZONE-BR: waterfowl survey	1.5	J. Leslie J. Emfinger
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01/11/95	STAMEY	BR-SE COASTAL ZONE-BR: waterfowl survey	4.6	J. Leslie J. Emfinger
01/20/95	STAMEY	*BR-MISS FLYWAY ZONE-BR: waterfowl survey	.6	J. Leslie
01/20/95	STAMEY	BR-LOCAL-BR: check engine	1.0	----
		TOTAL	16.60	
		*Engine problems, return to BR		

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DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
01/10/95	RACKLE	NO-GALLIANO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	1.3	K. Kilgen
01/11/95	RACKLE	NO-ROCKEFELLER-COASTAL-BR: waterfowl survey	3.8	G. Perry
01/12/95	STAMEY	BR-COASTAL-BR: LOOP pipeline survey	2.1	M. Fugler
01/17/95	RACKLE	BR-NO: reposition	.8	-----
01/20/95	RACKLE	NO-ROCKEFELLER-COASTAL-NO: waterfowl & eagle survey	7.7	G. Perry B. Wilson
01/23/95	RACKLE	NO-GALLIANO-COASTAL-BR: DNR permits	2.1	K. Kilgen R. Francis S. Alton
01/24/95	STAMEY	BR-CONCORDIA-MONROE-CONCORDIA-BR: Miss. Flyway waterfowl survey	9.2	J. Leslie
01/31/95	RACKLE	BR-ROCKEFELLER-NORTH LA-BR: eagle survey	7.3	T. Hess G. Perry
		TOTAL	34.30	

PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
01/13/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 5-INTRACOASTAL CITY-VERMILLION BAY-NI: small shrimp	2.1	E. Campbell
01/19/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 9 & 8-NI: gill nets	.7	G. Adams
01/20/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 9 & 8-NI: gill nets	.6	G. Adams
01/21/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 9 & 8-NI: gill nets	.8	G. Adams
01/26/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 9 & 8-NI: gill nets, shrimp, sportfish	2.0	G. Adams
01/27/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 9 & 8-NI: gill nets, shrimp, sportfish	2.0	G. Adams
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01/29/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 9 & 8-NI: gill nets, shrimp, sportfish	1.0	G. Adams
01/31/95	CLAUDE	NI-REG 8-NI: oyster, Black Bay area	4.2	F. Traviraca
		TOTAL	15.10	
PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)				
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01/12/95	RACKLE	NO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	1.0	T. Killeen
01/17/95	RACKLE	NO-HOUMA: drop off for radio work	.5	-----
		TOTAL	1.50	
PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
01/03/95	RACKLE	NO-COASTAL-NO: scaup survey	2.9	D. John K. Hemstetter
01/14/95	WINDHAM RACKLE	NO-PASS-A-LOUTRE-COASTAL-NO: oil spill	2.6	J. Tarver

01/24/95	RACKLE	NO-HOUMA-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	2.0	D. Watson
		TOTAL	7.50	

PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)

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01/29/95	STAMEY	BR-CARBONDALE, IL-BR: drop off Dept. personnel for meeting	5.8	S. Durham J. Leslie
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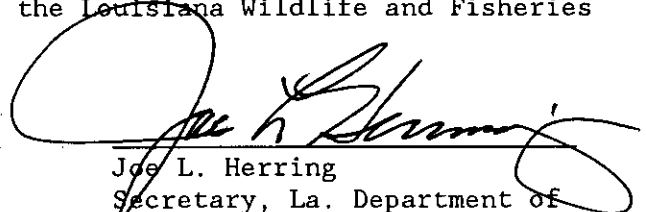
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~~Perry Gislair, Chairman~~
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
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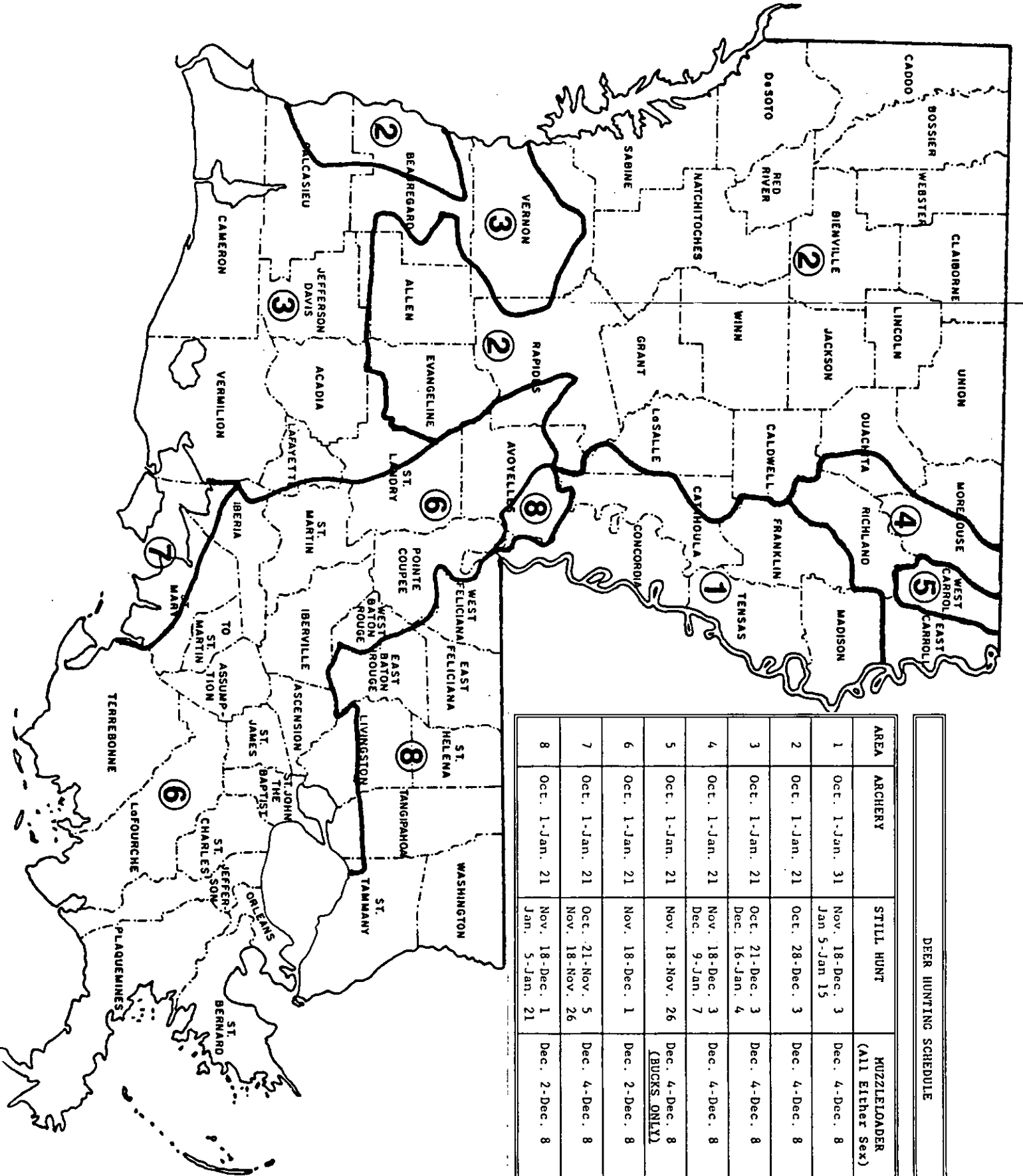
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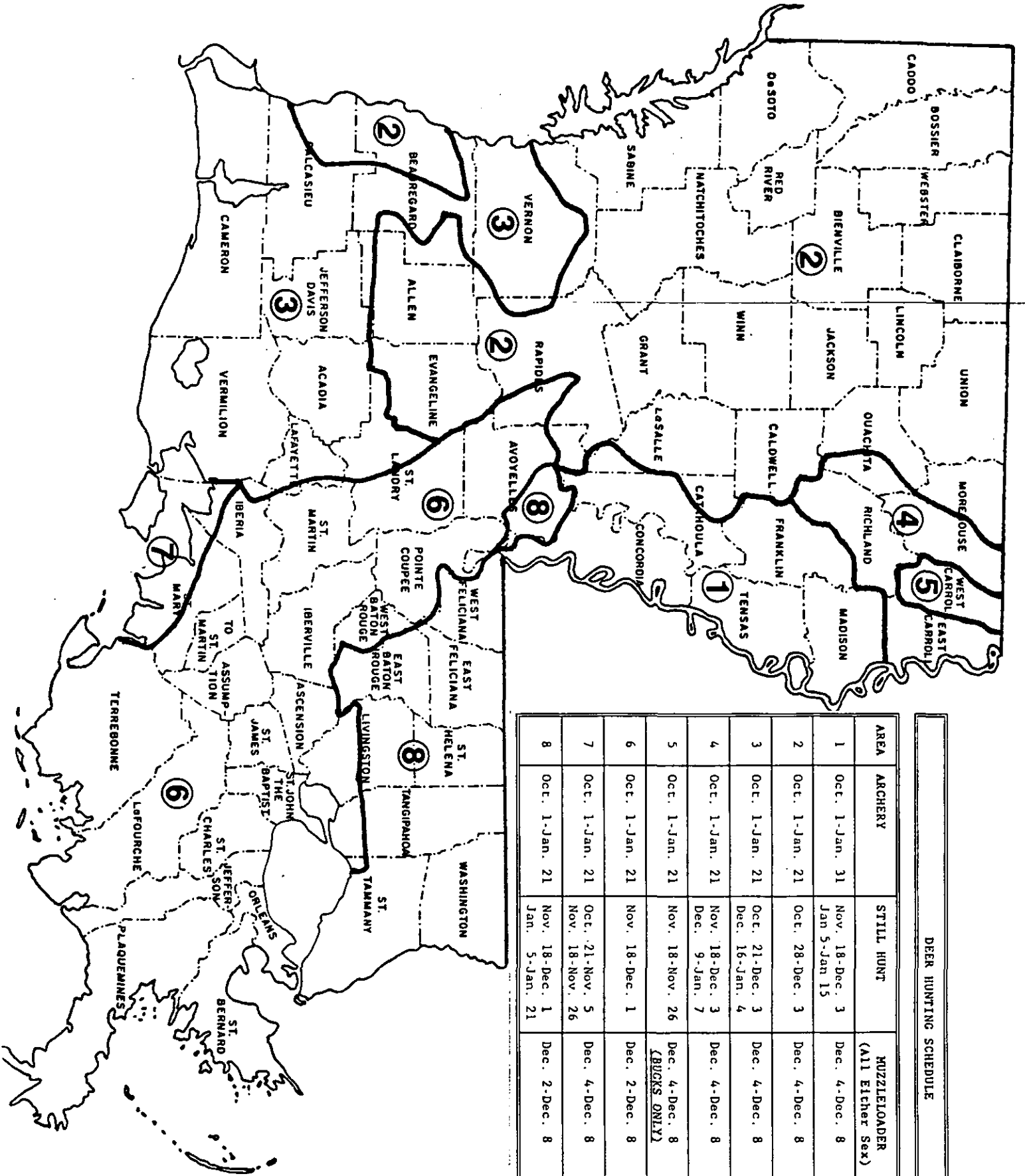
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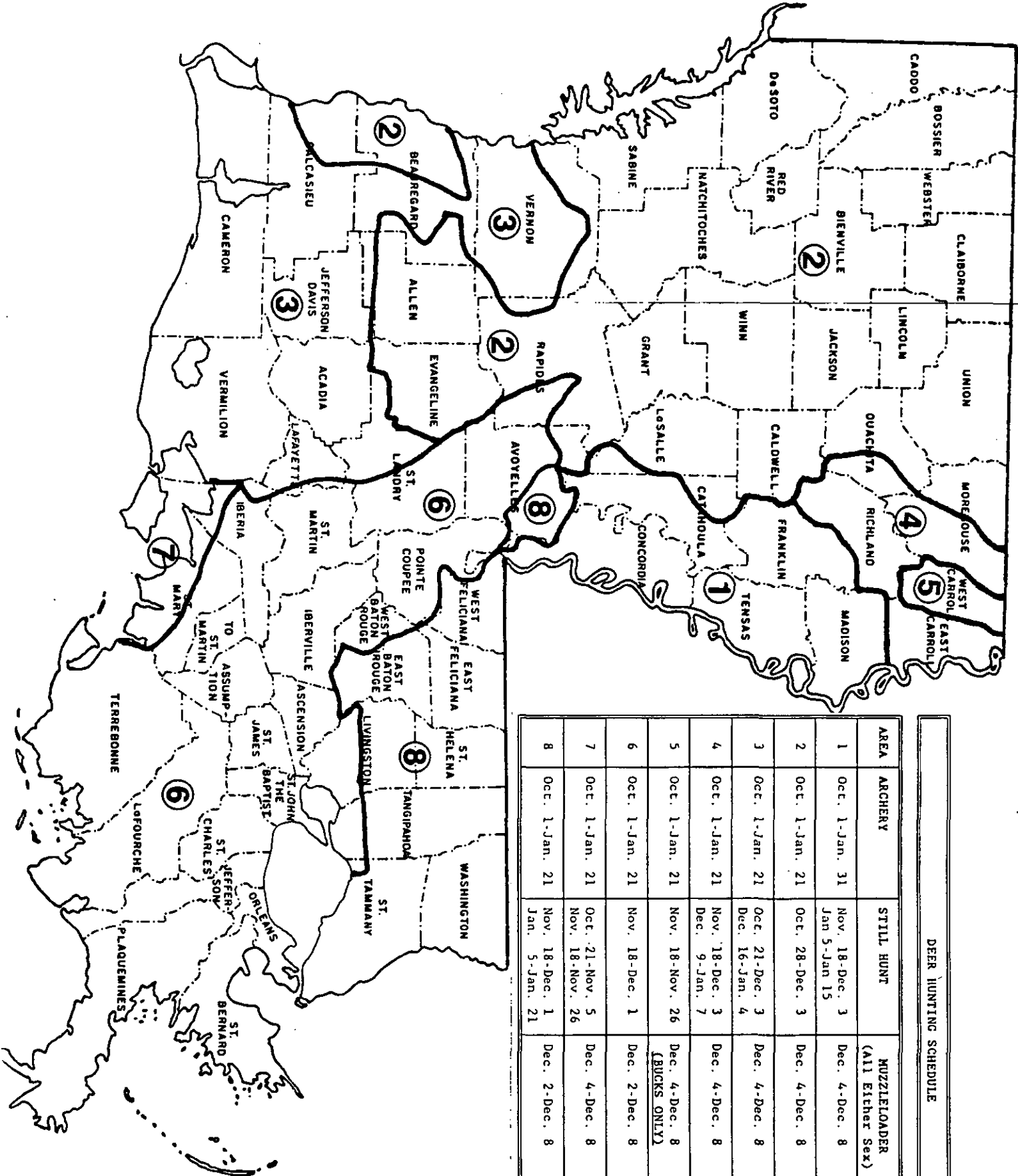
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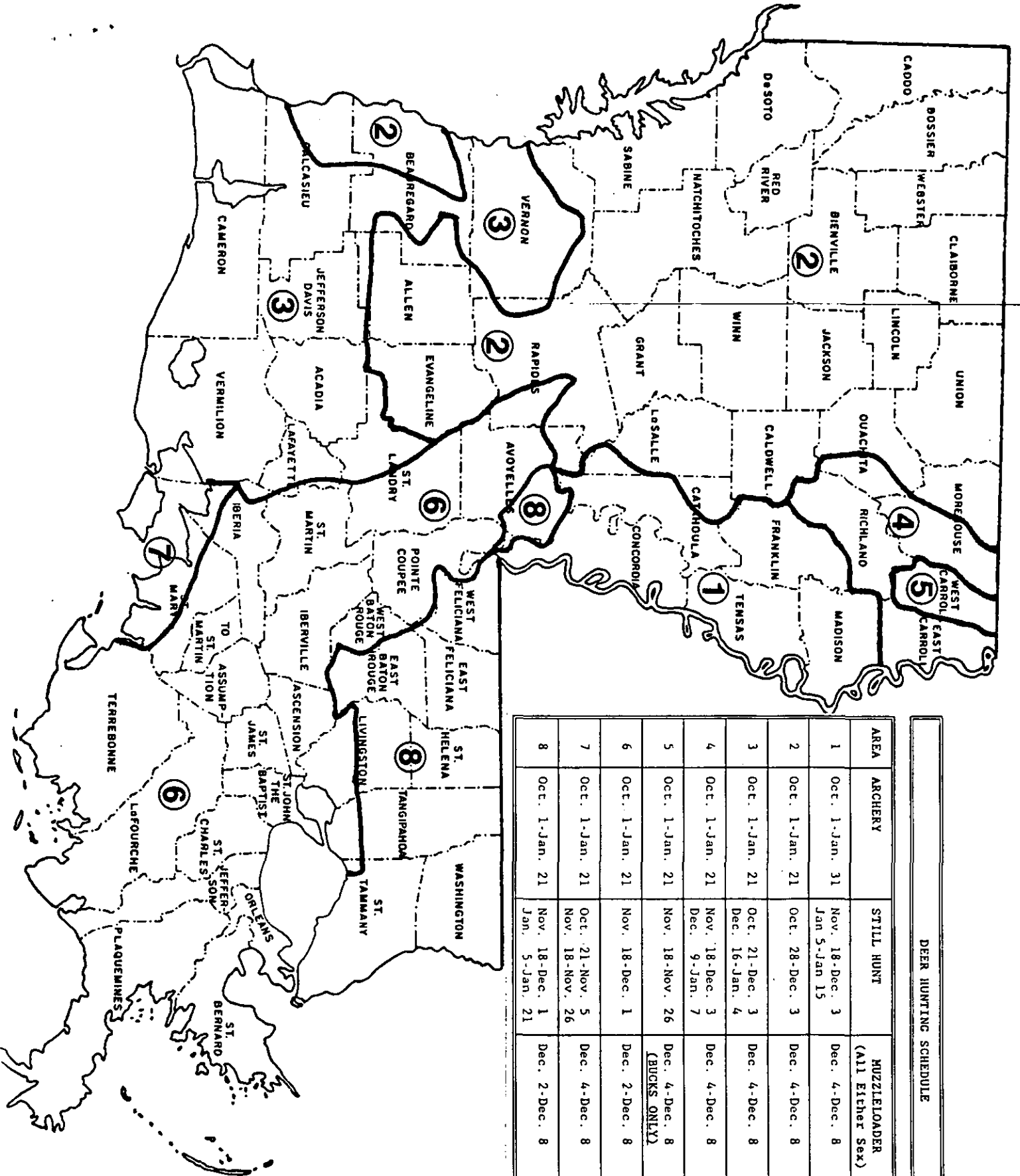
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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
MARCH 2, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 2, 1995

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
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NOTICE OF INTENT
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April-July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 19, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

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Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on W.M.A.s or specific localities.

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Suggested Changes in the 1995-96
Hunting Regulations

Small Game: Calendar adjustments for squirrel, rabbit and quail. Squirrel and rabbit seasons will open later by 6 days but remains the 1st Saturday in October.

Deer Gun Seasons:

Area 1: Calendar adjustment. Add 2 days of either sex hunting to those parishes that had 5 days.

Area 2: Calendar adjustment. *minor change*
Small portion of East Feliciana moved to Area 8. Added 1 day of either sex hunting in those parishes within District 1 (12 to 13). That portion of Area 2 in District 2 reduced from 8 days of either sex hunting to 7 days. Increased either sex hunting from 5 to 7 in that portion of Area 2 within District 3. Avoyelles parish increased from 2 to 7 days *for antlerless hunting.*

Area 3: Moved first segment up by one week to Oct. 21. Last segment reduced by 1 week. Seasons no longer matches with Area 2. Either sex hunting opportunity increased from 5 to 7 days in most of the Area.

Area 4: Calendar adjustment.

Area 5: Calendar adjustment.

Area 6: Calendar adjustment. Either sex hunting opportunity increased from 5 to 7 days in most of the area.

Area 7: First segment moved 1 week earlier to match Area 3. Remaining segments are calendar adjustment. Either sex hunting opportunity increased from 5 to 7 days in most of the area.

Area 8: Calendar adjustments. All of East Feliciana now in Area 8. Either sex hunting opportunity increased from 5 to 7 days in most of the area.

Either sex days have been increased in almost all of the state in an effort to consolidate and unify season dates. Basically, the Sunday after Thanksgiving was added to almost all parishes as well as the Sunday on the opening weekend in Areas 1, 6, 7, and 8. Avoyelles parish has in the past only had 1 or 2 days. We are recommending an increase to 7 days parish wide.

Definition of muzzleloader changed allowing all weapons loaded from the muzzle to be legal. That portion referring to exposed percussion caps and single barreled rifles has been removed.

Allow for Archery hunting in Orleans Parish.

Turkey: Season dates were adjusted for calendar changes.

Area A: Moved portion of Allen and Evangeline parishes from Area D to Area A.

Area B: Opened an additional portion of St. Landry parish while closing a portion of Pointe Coupee parish.

Area D: Opened the remainder of Lincoln parish and a portion of Jackson parish. Closed a portion of Caddo and Desoto parishes.

Wildlife Management Areas:

Season structures unless otherwise noted were simply adjusted for calendar. Efforts were made to consolidate and reduce duplication of information. Some areas have gone to self clearing stations for reporting permits and deer kill.

All hog hunting will be restricted to properly licensed deer hunters while deer hunting. This will result in all areas that allow hog hunting to have the same hog hunting regulations.

Boise Vernon: Added 2 either sex days in October and will have a self clearing permit requirement on Thanksgiving weekend.

Dewey Wills: Bucks only segment moved earlier by about 1 week. Will open for deer hunting during Christmas week.

Fort Polk: Added 2 days of either sex hunting.

Grassy Lake: Bucks only segment moved earlier by about 1 week. Will open for deer hunting Christmas week.

Loggy Bayou: Either sex modern firearm season reduced from 10 days to 3 days at Thanksgiving. No bucks only season. Opened a nine day turkey season. Moved the youth deer hunt to a later weekend.

Peason Ridge: Added 2 days of either sex hunting.

Pomme de Terre: Bucks only segment moved earlier by about 1 week. Will open deer hunting during Christmas week.

Sabine: Moved either sex season to Oct. 21-22 and will be restricted to muzzleloaders only. This is an effort to attract more hunters to the area.

Sandy Hollow: Added one week of muzzleloader season and will be all either sex.

Sherburne: Lottery hunts for deer expanded to include 3 days rather than 2 days. Added a handicapped hunt to coincide with the youth hunt.

Tunica Hills: Increased muzzleloader season by 7 days, all either sex.

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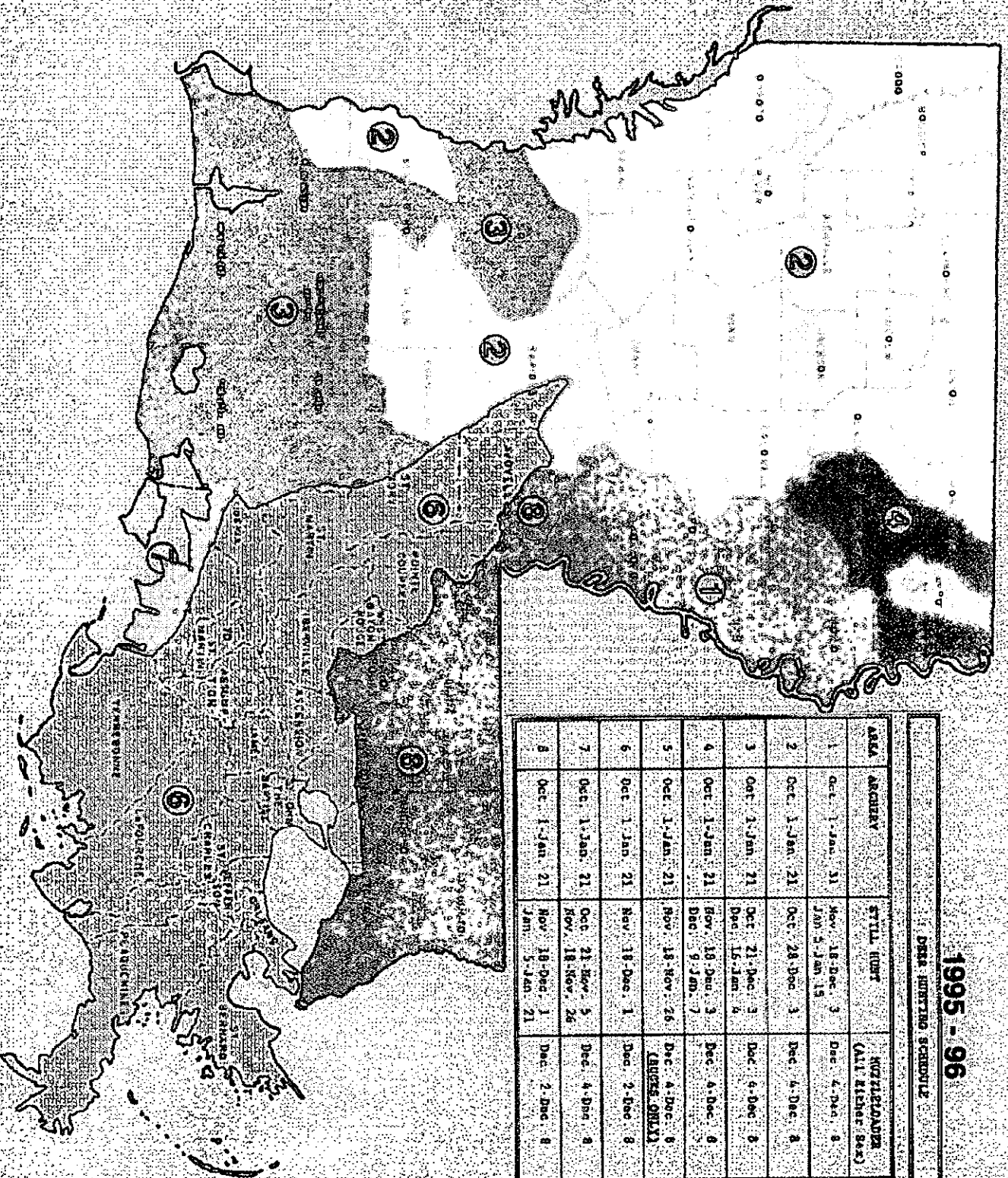
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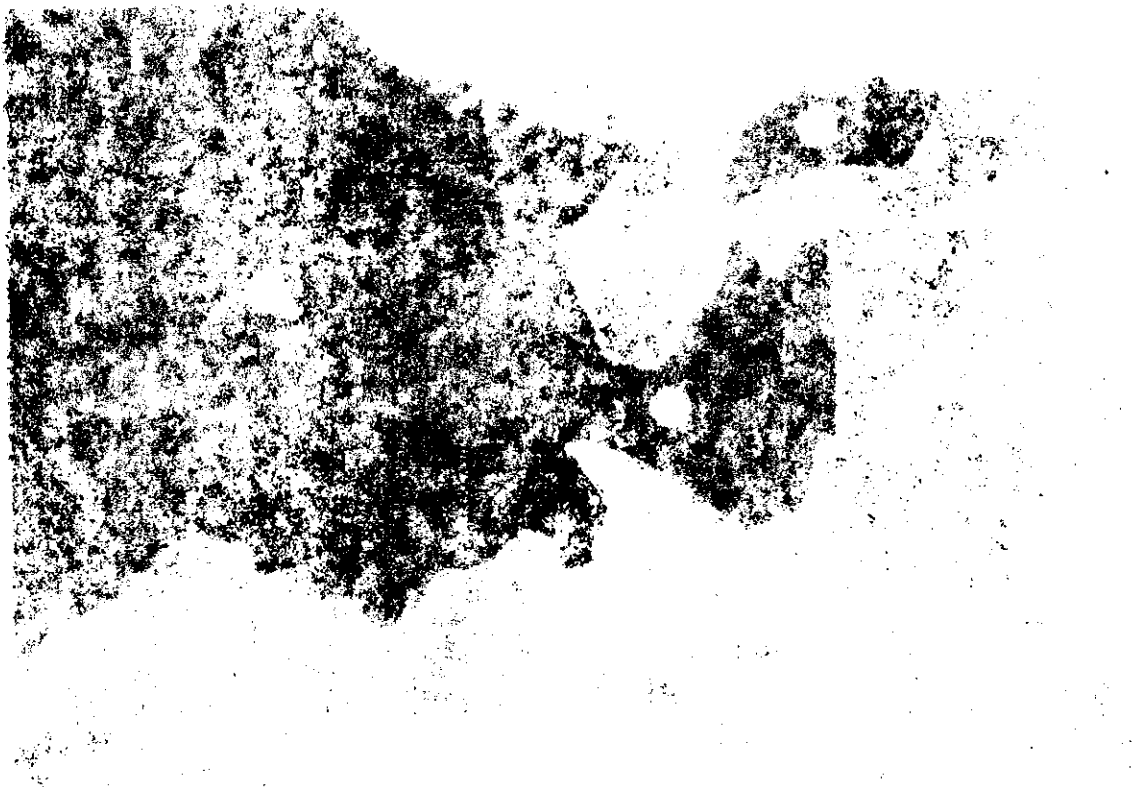
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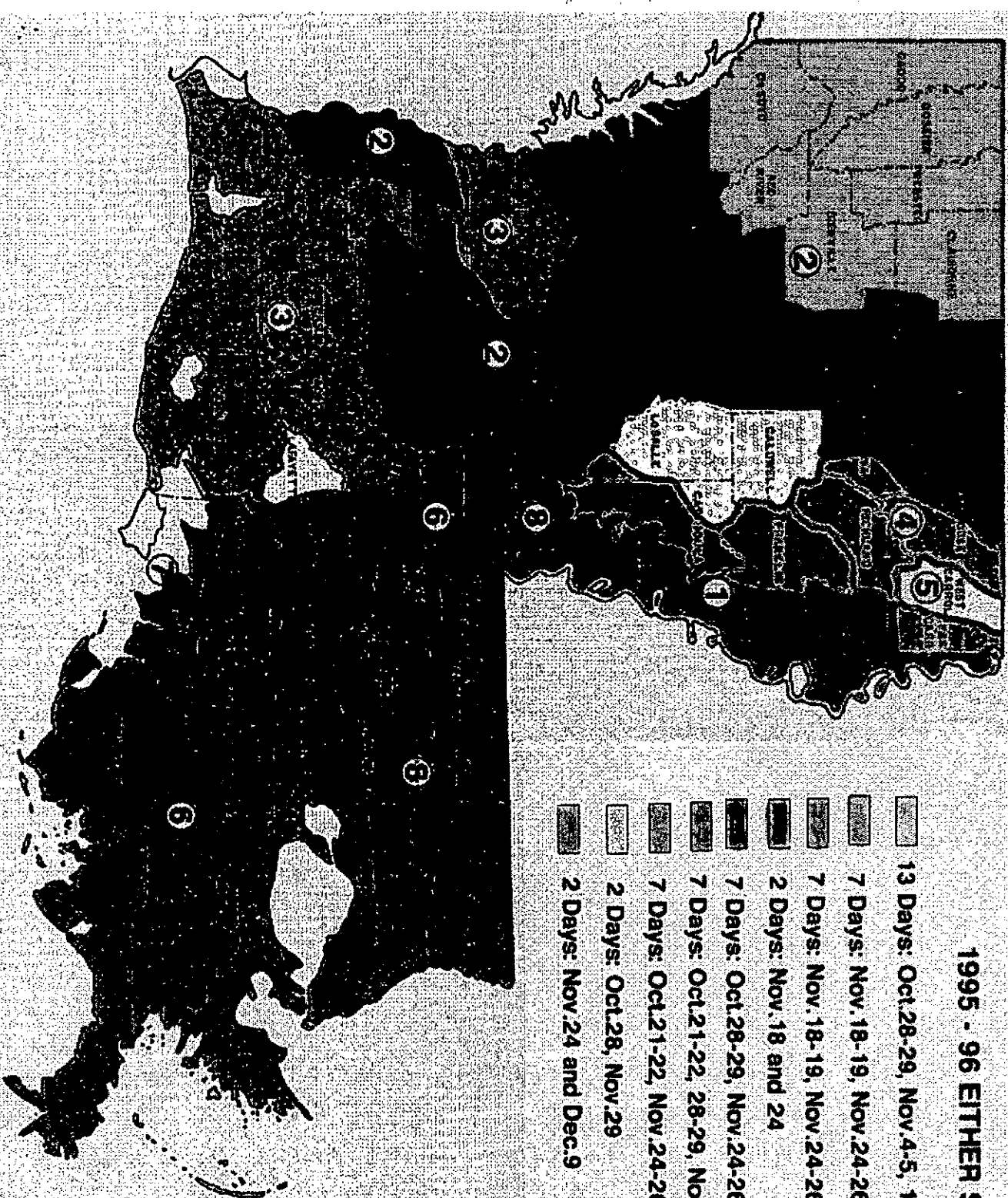
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- 7 Days: Oct.21-22, 28-29, Nov.24-26
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Quail hunters experienced about the same success as they did in the 1993-94 season, although Olinde believes there were more birds here this year: "There was a lot of early-season success, but late in the season hunters had trouble finding them." Birds are believed to

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have made extensive use of river bottom habitat because there was little food in more traditional, open areas. "Some hunters did report finding quail late, but they couldn't do anything with them because the birds were in such dense areas," Olinde added.

Relatively warm temperatures aggravated the situation because thickets were greener and thicker than normal. "We had extremely mild weather, so dense vegetation didn't die back," he said.

Squirrel and woodcock hunters had, by far, the worst seasons. "Squirrel populations are usually driven by the prior year's mast production," he said, "and 1993 was a bad production year for acorns."

Olinde classified the 1994-95 woodcock season as extremely poor, with many hunters locating very few birds. Weather again played a pivotal role in this season's outcome. Snow storms in the bird's northern breeding grounds during the spring of 1994 reduced production. This was followed by warm weather well into the following winter, resulting in late migrations. "Of the birds that were produced, many never migrated here until the season was over," Olinde said.

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EDITORS: For more information contact Mike Olinde at 504/765-2353.

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Joe L. Herring
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Edwin W. Edwards
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February 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

FROM: Joe Herring, Secretary 
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

SUBJECT: Catfish Task Force

Please find below a list of all nominees submitted for consideration to serve on the catfish task force, and from said list those recommended by the Department for appointment by the Commission:

A. Acting Voting Members

6 Commercial catfishermen recommended by the Department:

- 1) Leonard Chapman, Logansport
(Northwestern LA)
- 2) Paul Carter, Bastrop
(Northeastern LA)
- 3) Gene Gaspard, Moreauville
(East Central LA)
- 4) Johnny Price, Lake Arthur
(Southwestern LA)
- 5) Stanley Daigle, Belle River
(South Central LA)
- 6) Leon Fonseca, Des Allemands
(Southeastern LA)

Other commercial catfishermen submitted for consideration:

John Saunders, Farmerville
Rick Carter, Farmerville
Loye Albrittain, Farmerville
James Boggs, Farmerville
Tommy Grafton, Ruston
John Tassin, Ville Platte
O. D. Nettles, Shreveport
C. R. Laprarie, Deville
C. H. Shockley, Lake Providence
Zack Case, Logansport

Jimmy Cauthorn, Logansport
Jerry Holcomb, Mansfield
Buddy Giddings, Converse
Blacky Hines, Mansfield
Floyd Gaudet, Belle River
Herman Granier, Vacherie
Raymond Fonseca, Des Allemands
Emile Joseph Breaux, Vacherie
Joey Fonseca, Des Allemands
Pete Gerica, New Orleans
Tommy Candies, Jr., Des Allemands

6 catfish dealer/processors recommended by the Department:

- 1) Dan Dupont, Dupont Fish Market, Shreveport
(Northeastern LA)
- 2) Edison Mayeaux, Simmesport Fish Company, Simmesport
(Central LA)
- 3) Jim Rich, Catfish Wholesale, Abbeville
(Southwestern LA)
- 4) A. C. Gros, Gros Bayou Fish Company, Donaldsonville
(South Central LA)
- 5) Thomas Breaux, B and C Seafood, Vacherie
(Southeastern LA)
- 6) S. J. Sampey, Taban's Seafood, Metairie
(Southeastern LA)

Other commercial catfish dealer/processors submitted for consideration:

John D. Bordelon, D and B Fish Market, Simmesport
Sandra Guedry Robertson, Guedry Catfish and
Company, Henderson
P. T. Bailey, Bailey's Basin Seafood, Inc., Morgan
City
Henry Trulove, Henry Trulove Fish Company, Charenton
Tommy Candies, Jr., Fish Dealer, Des Allemands

2 Recreational catfishermen recommended by the LDWF:

Louis Arbour, Baton Rouge
Buddy Roberts, Campti

Other recreational catfishermen submitted for consideration:

Danny Somme', St. Charles Parish
Albert Laque, Boutte
Maurice Lassere, Jr., Baton Rouge
Hubert (BaDa) Doucet, Port Barre
Bobby Joe King, Arcadia

1 Representative Louisiana Wildlife Federation:

Paul Davidson, Baton Rouge

1 Representative of the Louisiana Restaurant Association:

Ken Crawford, Jr.
Crawford's Restaurant
2313 South Range Avenue
Denham Springs, LA 70726

1 Representative of Louisiana Consumer League:

Louisiana Consumer's League has been dissolved.
There will be no representative from this
organization.

B. Ex-officio Advisory members

2 LSU Fishery Extension Agents

Alan Matherne, Cut Off
Jerald Horst, Marrero

1 LSU Catfish Biologist

Dr. James Avault

1 LSU Economist

Dr. Kenneth Roberts

1 LDWF Enforcement Agent

Colonel Winton Vidrine/designee

2 LDWF Fisheries Biologists

Arthur Williams (Chairman)
Gary Tilyou (Vice-chairman)

1 LDWF Economist

Farhad Niami/designee

1 Representative Seafood Inspection Division, LDHH

Charles Conrad

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

cc: William S. "Corky" Perret
Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of their intent to set aside additional areas in Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish as public oyster seed grounds. This is being done under the authority vested in them through R.S. 56:434.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§513. Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne

The Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground is described as that portion of the state waterbottoms beginning at the most northerly point of Malheureux Point (Y-518,620) (X-2,584,920) on the southern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence southwesterly a distance of 16.6 miles to the most easterly point of Proctor Point (Y-468,858) (X-2,512,804) on the southwestern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northerly a distance of 5.6 miles to the most easterly point of Alligator Point (Y-498,467) (X-2,511,442) on the northern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northeasterly along the northern shore line of Lake Borgne a distance of 19.1 miles to the intersection with the western shore line of the Pearl River (Y-553,875) (X-2,569,290); thence northerly along the western shore line of the Pearl River a distance of 0.25 miles to a point (Y-555,214) (X-2,569,277) on the western shore line of the Pearl River; thence easterly a distance of 1.15 miles to the Pearl River Beacon No. 8 (Y-556,011) (X-2,571,507); thence southeasterly a distance of 7.5

miles to the point of beginning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:434.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

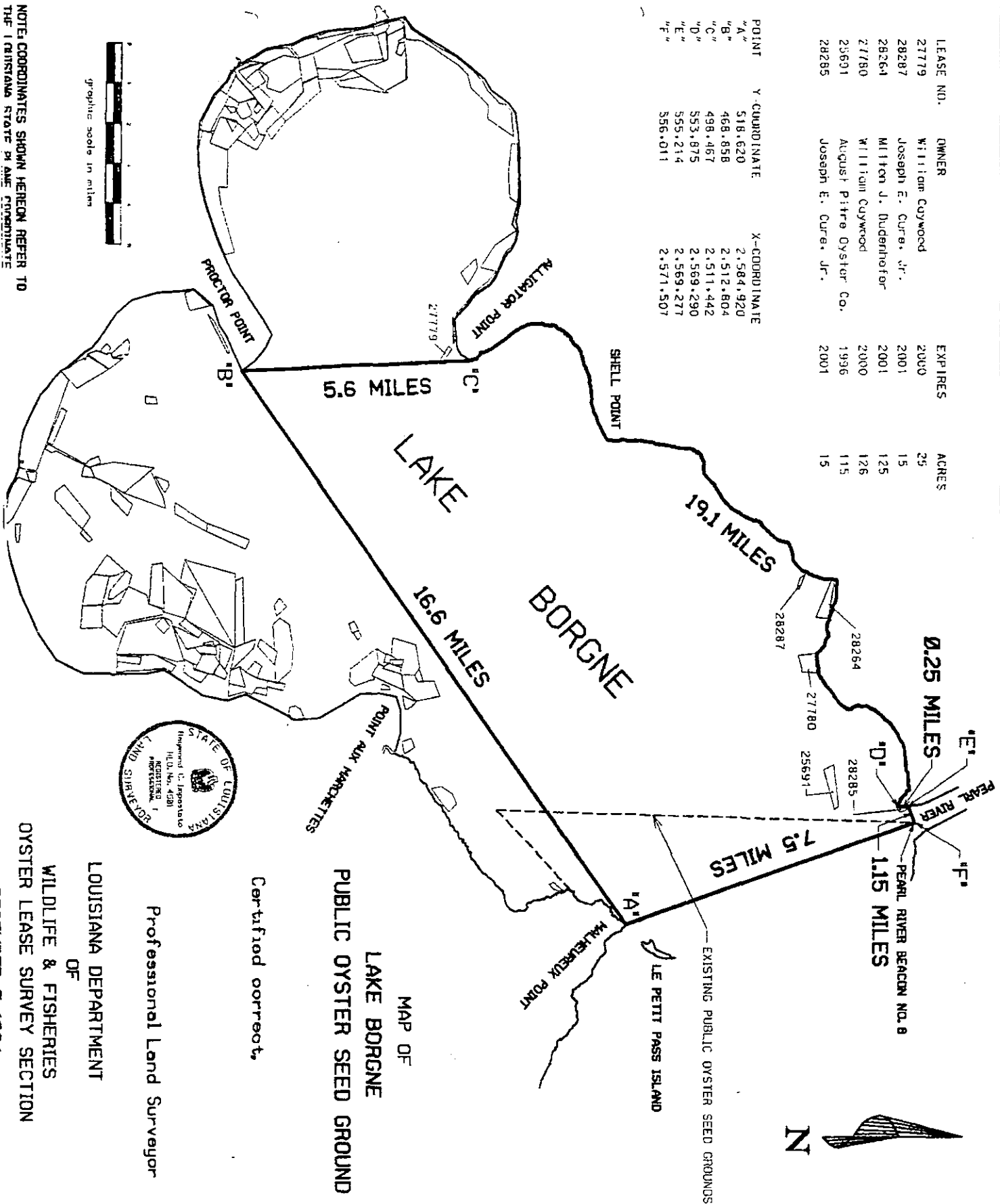
Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., May 5, 1995 to Ron Dugas, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 1600 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

LEASE NO.	OWNER	EXPIRES	ACRES
27779	William Cuywood	2000	25
28287	Joseph E. Curre, Jr.	2001	15
28264	Milton J. Dudenhofer	2001	125
27780	William Cuywood	2000	126
25601	August Pierre Oyster Co.	1996	115
28285	Joseph E. Curre, Jr.	2001	15

POINT	Y-COORDINATE	X-COORDINATE
"A"	518.620	2.584,920
"B"	468.858	2.512,804
"C"	498.467	2.511,442
"D"	553.875	2.569,290
"E"	555.214	2.569,277
"F"	556.011	2.571,507



NOTE: COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON REFER TO THE LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE GRID SYSTEM, 1927 DATUM.

MAP OF
LAKE BORGNE
PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND

Certified correct,

Professional Land Surveyor

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
OF
WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
OYSTER LEASE SURVEY SECTION
DECEMBER 7, 1994

**CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT
MARCH, 1995 COMMISSION MEETING**

In February, 70 cases were assessed for a value of \$61,119; during this same period we received payment on 41 outstanding cases totalling \$10,445.

Monies received through court fines increased by \$200 in February bringing the total received to \$17,075.

In accordance with Mr. Mialavich's request, I have also handed out a comparison report on net gear licenses sold through February.

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR NO. CASES SALE GOODS PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Per Cent Dollars Paid	Per Cent Cases Paid
July, 1992	105	26,553	(10,515)	103	5,578		
Aug, 1992	137	26,153	(3,241)	95	5,292		
Sept, 1992	214	34,341	(3,245)	82	6,186		
Oct, 1992	346	238,388	(19,670)	119	8,310	292	
Nov, 1992	34	17,264		220	11,744	4,651	
Dec, 1992	122	76,371	(7,012)	97	5,042	1,275	
Jan, 1993	77	35,470	(979)	75	7,389	3,799	
Feb, 1993	40	10,787		81	13,141	6,941	
March, 1993	37	15,552	(1,876)	60	13,479	5,848	
April, 1993	24	8,418	(10,809)	31	5,000	2,379	
May, 1993	21	16,063	(1,599)	39	5,704	2,381	
June, 1993	40	23,637	(7,454)	27	8,356	4,077	
Total FY 93	1,197	528,997	(66,400)	1,029	95,221	31,643	36.5% 85.9%
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545	
August, 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603	
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048	
October, 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519	
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845	
Dec., 1993	53	13,777	0	27	6,507	6,713	
Jan., 1994	38	18,918	0	32	4,423	2,831	
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993	
March, 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796	
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632	
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808	
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214	
Total FY 94	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	43.6% 79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95							
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437	
August, 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605	
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342	
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179	
Nov., 1994	43	103,592	0	45	3,992	2,803	
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329	
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921	
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973	
March, 1995							
April, 1995							
May, 1995							
June, 1995							
Total FY 95	422	354,282	(26,049)	280	30,901	21,589	23.2% 81.6%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-MAR-1995

CURRENT MONTH
02/01/1995 TO 02/29/1995FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1994 TO 02/29/1995INCEPTION TO DATE
02/29/1995ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
70	\$61,119.09	419	\$350,902.87	2,433	\$1,631,528.99
0	\$0.00	35	\$25,284.65-	331	\$269,865.95-
0	\$0.00	17	\$12,469.54	148	\$71,979.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

70	\$61,119.09	419	\$338,087.76	2,433	\$1,433,642.75
PAYMENTS					
OVERPAYMENTS	41	262	\$30,900.55-	1,517	\$206,103.94-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1	16	\$714.74	46	\$917.74
REFUNDS	34	244	\$21,589.36-	901	\$101,182.81-
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	13	\$2,924.40	22	\$6,503.09
REMUNERATION REFUNDS	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	3	\$26,774.00	8	\$38,771.35
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	1	\$35.95	2	\$36.75
DEBITS	0	1	\$20.00	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	1	1	\$0.85-	1	\$0.85-
REASSESSMENTS					
DEBITS	0	2	\$491.21	14	\$3,492.55
CREDITS	2	4	\$1,464.14-	39	\$11,526.94-
WRITE-OFFS	1	2	\$0.86-	180	\$258,969.18-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	1	\$288.00-	5	\$874.70-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	7	\$17,275.20-	7	\$17,275.20-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80-
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING				664	\$887,367.81

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR

0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	32	\$10,560.13
	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$2,640.03

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

CAN NOT BE INVOICED

1 - 30 DAYS	2	\$139.50
31 - 60 DAYS	55	\$55,976.05
61 - 90 DAYS	24	\$27,066.19
91 - 120 DAYS	73	\$31,656.68
121 - 150 DAYS	33	\$101,772.48
151 - 180 DAYS	82	\$37,361.03
181 - 365 DAYS	76	\$270,085.80
CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	246	\$283,257.22
CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	73	\$80,580.96

** TOTAL AGING

664 \$887,895.91

CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

	CURRENT MONTH 02/01/1995 TO 02/29/1995		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1994 TO 02/29/1995		INCEPTION TO DATE 02/29/1995	
	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	266	\$13,450.00	4,117	\$211,055.00	37,354	\$1,894,402.07
HEARING COSTS						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	1,563	\$39,077.00	9,098	\$227,457.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$300.00-	0	\$975.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$13,450.00		\$249,832.00		\$2,120,884.07

PAID IN FULL	106	\$5,402.00-	2,636	\$134,649.75-	19,352	\$988,372.25-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	9	\$449.15-	148	\$6,252.98-	556	\$23,942.24-
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$27.00	28	\$1,299.75	288	\$13,199.43
REFUNDS	0	\$0.00	7	\$325.00	46	\$2,833.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	4	\$200.00	23	\$1,150.00
MISC CHANGES						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	4	\$80.00	23	\$370.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.85-	22	\$16.77-	101	\$102.17-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION						
DEBITS	1	\$50.00	8	\$500.00	54	\$3,050.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	6	\$250.00-
VOIDS	4	\$250.00-	258	\$10,920.25-	1,752	\$70,106.88-
NOT GUILTY	0	\$0.00	74	\$3,250.00-	342	\$16,975.00-

**AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATE.**

0 -	30 DAYS	187	\$9,450.00
31 -	60 DAYS	141	\$7,250.00
61 -	90 DAYS	165	\$8,275.00
91 -	120 DAYS	169	\$8,625.00
121 -	150 DAYS	182	\$9,325.00
151 -	180 DAYS	192	\$12,130.00
181 -	365 DAYS	2,283	\$148,797.00
OVER 1 YEAR	PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR	UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR	(OTHER)	12,852	\$837,910.96

**AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM HEARING DATE**

PRE HEARING	852	\$43,325.00
0 - 90 DAYS	1,649	\$82,500.00
91 - 180 DAYS	1,375	\$87,251.00
181 - 270 DAYS	1,262	\$84,746.50
271 - 365 DAYS	639	\$42,480.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00

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	License Year			
	1994	1993	1992	
Resident Mullet	674	547	672	
N/R Mullet	130	94	178	
Res. Saltwater Gill Net	1017	900	831	
N/R Saltwater Gill Net	127	85	76	
Res. Trammel Net	489	486	493	
N/R Trammel Net	13	10	9	
Res. Fish Seine	196	184	218	
N/R Fish Seine	0	1	2	

License Type	1995					TOTAL	1994					TOTAL	1993					TOTAL
	11/94	12/94	1/95	2/95			11/93	12/93	1/94	2/94			11/92	12/92	1/93	2/93		
Resident Mullet	59	122	92	15	288		30	86	81	16	213		18	54	50	16	138	
N/R Mullet	3	9	17	6	35		1	5	5	0	11		0	7	0	2	9	
Res. Saltwater Gill Net	87	288	227	47	649		49	239	225	62	575		48	204	195	58	505	
N/R Saltwater Gill Net	3	10	17	4	34		1	5	6	0	12		0	4	1	2	7	
Res. Trammel Net	56	131	142	43	372		24	133	144	69	370		31	158	114	61	364	
N/R Trammel Net	0	4	1	4	9		0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	2	3	
Res. Fish Seine	18	54	38	10	120		10	46	42	22	120		9	44	38	12	103	
N/R Fish Seine	0	0	1	0	1		0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	1	

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1995

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-FEBRUARY 1995

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-31

ENFORCEMENT-31

OTHER - 0

11-Boating

17-Angling W/O A License

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

1-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

14 black bass

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

11-Boating

17-Fishing

3-Hunting

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-67

ENFORCEMENT-67

OTHER - 0

16-Boating

27-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

10-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Trap Or Sell F.B.A. Or Parts W/O Res. Or Non-Res. License

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

1 raccoon, 100 yards of gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

16-Boating

42-Fishing

4-Hunting

1-Trapping

4-Other

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-82

ENFORCEMENT-82

OTHER - 0

9-Boating

29-Angling W/O A License

9-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

3-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

5-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

5-Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets

1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

4-Criminal Trespass State Property

2-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

480 feet of gill net, 69 lbs. of crawfish, 86 catfish, 3 hoop nets.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

9-Boating

1-Hunting

8-Misc.

64-Fishing

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-28

ENFORCEMENT-21

OTHER - 7

5-Boating

5-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Taking Fish Illegally

1-Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Regions

1-Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets

4-Hunt Deer Closed Area

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

259 lbs. of catfish, 220 yards of gill net, 11 hoop nets with lead.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

5-Boating

16-Fishing

4-Hunting

3-WMA

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-82

ENFORCEMENT-72

OTHER -10

16-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

2-Leave Nets Unattended

1-Fail To Comply W/Permit Requirements

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License

6-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

10-Hunt From Public Road Right-Of-Way

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit

2-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations

5-Take Rabbits By Mashing Weeds

7-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

2-Hunting MGB From A Vehicle

1-Taking Robins-No Season

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

2-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

10 red drum, 3 white trout, 1 fox, 5 rabbits, 6 speckled trout, 14 robins, 1 raccoon.

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REGION 6 CONT'D.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

16-Boating

38-Hunting

26-Fishing

2-Misc.

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-104

ENFORCEMENT-104

OTHER - 0

19-Boating

47-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

11-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

2-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Makings

6-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

3-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

2-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

1 catfish, 4 perch, 3 guns.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

19-Boating

67-Fishing

16-Hunting

2-Other

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-103

ENFORCEMENT-99

OTHER - 4

15-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

8-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

5-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

3-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Transport W/O Required License

1-Leave Nets Unattended

4-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

3-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

REGION 8 CONT'D.

3-Violation Of Mullet Regulations

2-Poss. Red Drum Illegally

2-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters

1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

1-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

1-Littering

1-Violation Of Sanitation Code

4-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

5-Hunting MGB With Live Decoys

2-Possessing F.B.A. W/O License

CONFISCATIONS:

56 red drum, 4 speckled trout, 529 lbs. of catfish; monies collected for fish \$768.00, 2,328 mullet, 400 lbs. of sheephead, 1 gallon of oysters, 1 squirrel 7,300 feet of gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

15-Boating	1-Raccoon
30-Fishing	2-Fur Bearing Animals
35-Commercial Fishing	5-MGB
3-Oyster	2-Misc.
9-Hunting	
1-Squirrel	

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-81

ENFORCEMENT-79

OTHER - 2

15-Boating

10-Angling W/O A License

1-Fail To Have Intact

10-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

4-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

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2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Transport W/O Required License

1-Taking Fish Illegally

1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

2-Blocking Passage Of Fish

3-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

1-Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Poss. Red Drum Illegally

1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters

1-Possess Of Untagged Oysters

REGION 9 CONT'D.

1-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Illegal Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Birds, Or Parts Thereof

4-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

1-Illegal Spotlighting Public Road

1-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

95 lbs. of red drum, 40 perch, 500 lbs. of crabs, 298 lbs. of catfish, 1 deer, 10 lbs. of sheephead, 1 lbs. of garfish, 4 rabbits, 15 lbs. of saltwater fish; monies collected for fish was \$19.65, 3 guns, 1700 feet of gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

15-Boating

48-Fishing

2-Oysters

11-Hunting

2-Deer

3-Misc.

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S.W.E.P.

81-Running Hours

41-Boats Checked

0 Citations

CONFISCATIONS:

5,000 feet unattended gill net.

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-50

1-Angling W/O A License

10-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

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4-Sell And/Or buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

7-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

1-No Written Permission

1-Take Oysters Off Unleased State Water Bottoms

1-Taking More Than On Sack Daily

1-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area

1-Unlawfully Stake Off Unleased Water Bottoms

3-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters

1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters

3-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

1-Harassment Of Person Lawfully Hunting

1-Fail To Obey Cease Harassment Order

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

7-Violation Of Sanitary Code

CONFISCATIONS:

48 sacks of oysters plus 1/2 half gallon

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SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-42

12-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum

3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

3-Hunting W/O Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

200 feet of gill net, 2 rifles, 2 deer.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-555

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 23

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 0

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GRAND TOTAL - 597

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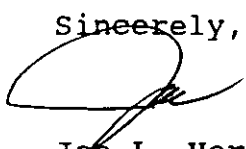
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[EXCERPT FROM PRESENT BYLAWS]

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AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
PROPOSALS 1 AND 2

ARTICLE IV

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PROPOSAL 3
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Photo by Stephen Everett
Socia Creek, Grant Parish

JULY 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Large number of blue crabs along barrier island beaches.</p>		Independence Day	First quarter moon			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p>Peak of quail hatch begins in pine lands.</p>		<p>Full moon</p> <p>End of most Wood Duck and Wild Turkey nesting activity.</p>		<p>Time to make file from dried sassafras leaves for home-cooked gumbo.</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Last quarter moon		<p>New moon</p>	
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
					<p>Rose geranium in bloom in prairies and pine lands.</p>	

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NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring
Secretary



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MARCH WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA REVISED

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March 1, 1995

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2/24/95

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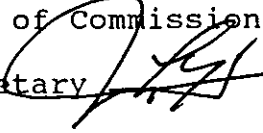
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WINTON VIDRINE

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JOE HERRING

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Division Chiefs

verbal okayed by
Perry - 2/21/95

FAX TRANSMITTAL

TO: Perry Gisclair
Chairman

FAX#

FROM Susan Hawkins

RE: March Agenda

Please review the attached agenda for the March
2nd Meeting and let me know if okay. Thank you.

2/22/95 -
Mr. Herring added:
Recognition of Finfish Section for Preparation
of Redfish Report by La. Outdoor Writers
Association - Don Dubuc

DATE: February 20, 1995

TIME SENT

FOR INFORMATION CALL (504) 765-2806

OUR FAX # (504) 765-2607

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Notice of Intent:

- 1) Hunting Seasons for Resident Game - Recommendations
T. Puckett
- 2) Small Game update - Mike Chiles

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INLAND FISH DIVISION:
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[Signature]
Bennie Fontenot

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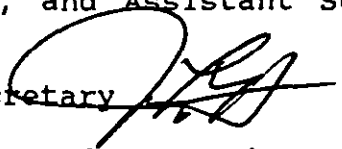
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Dear, Mr. Gisclair,

I would like you to put Red
Drum Statue Back on the
agenda for the March 2, meeting.

Thank You,

Myron Prosperie Sr.
Karen Prosperie
Jimmy Prosperie, Jr.
Dodie Prosperie
Myron Prosperie, Jr.
Yolonda Prosperie
Trey Prosperie
Joshua Prosperie

March 2, 1995

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FISHING YEAR	COMMERCIAL SPOTTED SEATRUT LANDINGS											
	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
94-95	94,614	119,719	114,008	196,267	232,581							
93-94	88,407	118,592	191,211	194,585	285,989	154,317	49,544 (close 3/6)	82,128 (close 4/16)	3,128 (close 5/1)	121,884	141,483 (close 8/2)	7,592
92-93	59,338	109,169	135,400	191,337	209,715	121,882	140,484 (close 3/6)	176,625 (close 4/16)	3,128 (close 5/1)	121,884	141,483 (close 8/2)	7,592
91-92	25,922	47,403	105,759	139,433	144,822	57,710	94,215 (close 3/6)	176,625 (close 4/16)	3,128 (close 5/1)	121,884	141,483 (close 8/2)	7,592
90-91	42,663	54,724	64,693	158,523	243,771	83,986	59,778	121,674 (close 5/1)	170,636	121,884	141,483 (close 8/2)	7,592
89-90	183,277	132,166	146,300	325,410	75,445	76,145	67,441	92,265 (close 5/6)	26,026 (close 5/6)	0	767	0
88-89	61,227	123,541	141,184	302,241	316,866	178,001	146,669	59,173 (close 4/9)	560 (close 5/6)	447	2	7
87-88	58,017	74,114	90,913	87,988	249,086	143,565	98,287	196,722 (close 4/9)	64,373 (close 5/6)	12,717	34,919	5,546
86-87	78,603	158,250	157,276	233,756	204,314	110,792	126,569	245,782 (close 5/6)	244,144	191,870	217,832	149,539
85-86	15,440	66,576	88,509	214,576	219,796	68,111	120,639	246,287	254,854	191,966	160,520	87,982
CUMULATIVE THROUGH MONTH												
94-95	94,614	214,333	328,341	579,885	812,466							
93-94	88,407	206,999	398,210	592,795 (incl. Enforcement info)	878,784	1,033,101	1,082,645 (1.0 m lb)	1,049,453 (1.0 m lb)	795,017 (1.0 m lb)	1,122,332	1,263,815	1,271,407 (1.25 m lb)
92-93	59,338	168,507	303,907	495,244	704,959	826,841	967,325 (1.0 m lb)	1,049,453 (1.0 m lb)	795,017 (1.0 m lb)	1,122,332	1,263,815	1,271,407 (1.25 m lb)
91-92	25,922	73,325	179,084	318,517	463,339	521,049	615,264 (1.0 m lb)	791,889 (1.0 m lb)	795,017 (1.0 m lb)	1,122,332	1,263,815	1,271,407 (1.25 m lb)
90-91	42,663	97,387	162,080	320,603	564,374	648,360	708,138	829,812 (1.0 m lb)	1,000,448 (1.0 m lb)	1,122,332	1,263,815	1,271,407 (1.25 m lb)
89-90	183,277	315,443	461,743	787,153	862,598	938,743	1,006,184	1,098,449 (1.25 m lb)	1,124,475 (1.25 m lb)	1,124,475	1,125,242	1,125,242
88-89	61,227	184,768	325,952	628,193	945,059	1,123,060	1,269,729 (1.25 m lb)	1,328,902 (1.25 m lb)	1,329,462 (1.25 m lb)	1,329,909	1,329,911	1,329,918
87-88	58,017	132,131	223,044	311,032	560,118	703,683	801,970 (1.0 m lb)	998,692 (1.0 m lb)	1,063,065 (1.0 m lb)	1,075,782	1,110,701	1,116,247
86-87	78,603	236,853	394,129	627,885	832,199	942,991	1,069,560 (1.0 m lb)	1,315,342 (1.0 m lb)	1,559,486 (1.0 m lb)	1,751,356	1,969,188	2,118,727
85-86	15,440	82,016	170,525	385,101	604,897	673,008	793,647 (1.0 m lb)	1,039,934 (1.0 m lb)	1,294,788 (1.0 m lb)	1,486,754	1,647,274	1,735,256

Projections continue to indicate a closure sometime during late March or April. These projections do not include the additional records from Enforcement Division, since these have not been broken down by month, and so cannot be included in the projection model. Including these landings in a general way, considering the typical rate of harvest during March and April, would advance the projected closing date by a week or two. Mr. Herring already has been given authority to close the commercial season when the quota is reached. No Commission action is required at this time.

Harry Blanchet